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SUBJECT: OIL EMBARGO: BEIRUT PRESS EXCERPTS

BEIRUT PRESS RECENTLY CARRIED FOLLOWING OIL ITEMS:

1. DAILY AL ANWAR NOV 22: IN INTERVIEW (NO DATE GIVEN)
SAUDI KING FEISAL AGAIN INDICATED THERE WOULD BE NO
RPT NO LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO ON US UNTIL ISRAELI FORCES
WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.
ALSO SAID THERE WOULD BE NO CONCESSION ON ARAB CHARACTER
OF JERUSALEM OR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. KING INDICATED
SAUDI CONTACTS WITH VATICAN CONCERNING JERUSALEM ARE
INDIRECT.

2. WEEKLY AL HAWADESS NOV 23: IN INTERVIEW (NO DATE
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GIVEN), IRAN'S SHAH URGED ARAB TO LIFT EMBARGOES AND

RESTORE NORMAL PRODUCTION WHILE CEASE-FIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS
CONTINUE. SHAH REPORTEDLY SAID OIL WEAPON CAN BE REIMPOSED
IF PEACE TALKS FAIL.

3. WEEKLY MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC SURVEY (MESS) NOV 23:
IN REPORT ON OPEC VIENNA MEETING LAST WEEK, IAN SEYMOUR
ESTIMATED THAT DECEMBER CUT IN ARAB OIL PRODUCTION WILL
BE 375,000 BPD, TO BE BORNE BY "NON-EXEMPT" CONSUMERS
OUTSIDE EEC. DESCRIBING ARAB MOOD, SEYMOUR SAID EEC AND
JAPANESE POLICY STATEMENTS WELCOME, BUT "CUW ACTION" MIGHT
BE REQUIRED FOR EEC AND JAPAN TO ESCAPE JANUARY CUTS.
SEYMOUR SAID ALL ARAB PRODUCERS ADOPTING TOUGHER STAND
AGAINST JAPAN AND WOULD SUBJECT IT TO "AN ESPECIALLY
SEVERE REDUCTION IN ARAB OIL SUPPLIES" IN JANUARY UNLESS

JAPAN BREAKS DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL
BY YEAR-END. HE SAID ARAB OBJECTIVE IS TO OBTAIN EITHER
MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGAINST ISRAEL (FROM EUROPEANS) OR TO
SUBJECT US TO PRESSURE FROM ITS ALLIES (IN CASE OF JAPAN).

COMMENT: MESS IS USUALLY MOST ACCURATE OF ABOVE THREE
PUBLICATIONS.
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